



William J. Smith

February 18, 2002

A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated for William J. "Bill" Smith at 10:30 AM on Friday, February 22, 2002 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Easton, MD.

Mr. Smith died on Monday, February 18, 2002 at his home following an extended illness. He was 48.

Born August 18, 1953 in Johnstown, PA, he was the son of Gloria G. Michaels Smith of Easton and the late William J. Smith. He attended Catholic elementary and high schools and was graduated in 1971 from Bishop McCort High School in Johnstown. He was trained as police officer at the Allentown Police Training Academy and received an Associate in Arts degree from Lehigh County Community College in criminal justice administration.

During his career, he served with various police and fire departments and police and fire dispatch agencies, including the Johnstown Police Department from 1974 to 1984, Paint Borough Police and the former Mainline Police Dispatch from 1984 to 1988. He also was deputy fire chief for Adams Township No. 1 and was a volunteer firefighter for Geistown and Lorain boroughs and a former firefighter for Easton Fire Department.

In 1988, he moved to Maryland and served as a police officer for Hurlock

Police Department and later Oxford Police Department. He also was a police and fire dispatcher for Talbot County Emergency Management and briefly for Queen Anne's County Emergency Management.

He attended numerous police and fire training seminars and was certified as a Emergency Medical Technician. He also received certification from National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch and attended the Eastern Shore Crininal Justice Academy for training to detect child abuse.

During his career and upon his retirement, he worked part-time for The Star Democrat as a darkroom technician, for Hobby Horse as a camera repair technician and at the News Center.

He was president of Lodge #18 Fraternal Order of Police.

He was a model train enthusiast and Railfan, making several trips to the Horseshoe Curve and lesser known tracks to spot diesel engines he loved to watch. He also enjoyed fishing trips and roller coaster rides with his daughter, Margaret Anne.

On October 6, 1989, he married Barbara Anne Sauers of Easton, formerly of Johnstown. Their daughter, Margaret Anne Smith, was born June 28, 1995.

In addition to his wife, mother and daughter, he is survived by a son, Brian Michael Smith of Johnstown; and numerous aunts,uncles and cousins; and his first wife, Rene Vavrek of Johnstown.

Family and friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Easton on Thursday, February 21, 2002 from 6 - 8 PM.

Friends and family may also call at the John Henderson Co. Funeral Home,

215 Central Avenue, Johnstown, PA on Sunday, February 24, 2002 from 2 - 4 PM and 7 - 9 PM.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, February 25, 2002 at 10:00 AM in Grand-View Cemetery, Johnstown, PA.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to a trust fund for Margaret Anne Smith c/o St. Michaels Bank, Suite 37, 8223 Elliott Road, Easton, MD 21601, attention: Tracy Berrigan.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM